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NEWS RELEASE

Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a one-count Indictment¹ against Jerome Samuels for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The Indictment alleges that Samuels was carrying a loaded Smith & Wesson .40 caliber handgun at the time of his arrest on September 16, 2008.

This investigation and prosecution is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods, a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, each of the nine District Attorney's Offices in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, to identify and prosecute dangerous firearms offenders in federal court, where the defendants are likely to receive substantial sentences upon conviction.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JEROME SAMUELS	Philadelphia, PA	35 years old

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of ten years incarceration, three years of supervised release, and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Philadelphia Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Elizabeth Abrams.

¹ An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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